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NOTES/COMMENTS:

Thanks for your consideration of the attached letter.

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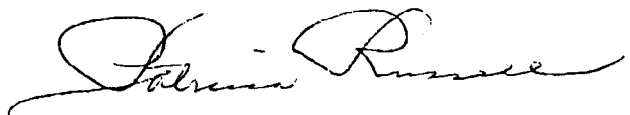
Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

After three grueling years, Microsoft and the Justice Department have reached a settlement in the antitrust case. Both sides worked hard and spent millions to reach this settlement. I write to you to ask you see this settlement through to the end.

It has become apparent that some anti-Microsoft agitators may try to disrupt this settlement and have Microsoft forced back to court. This is completely unnecessary because a fair settlement exists in this case. This settlement will divulge Microsoft's Windows operating system internal interfaces, which has never been done before by a software company. Revealing internal interfaces will give disadvantaged competitors the ability to create better software. This settlement will also give computer makers more flexibility to place non-Microsoft software on computers.

It is obvious that the time for this case to come to a close has come. Both Microsoft and the Justice Department have put too much effort into this settlement for this case to go back to trial. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia Russell", written in dark ink.

Patricia Russell

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond